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EMPLOYMENT FOR WOMEN IN SSI SECTOR
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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to create more employment opportunities for women in rural and tribal areas by implementing various schemes through the small scale industries sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the incentives provided, targets fixed and achievement made by the Government under SSI, particularly for women in rural and tribal areas during each of the last three years, State and Union Territory-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL & MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a) to (c) A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Parts (a) to (c) in respect of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 171 for answer on 27.11.2007

(a) & (b): The flagship programme of the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises for creation of more employment opportunities in the rural areas is the Rural Employment Generation Programme(REGP). Employment opportunities are created in Micro and Small Enterprises by the implementation of several schemes, which are extended to the urban areas in addition to the rural areas, by the Central Government and the State Governments besides REGP and Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojna. While implementing these schemes, the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises makes steadfast efforts to cover women in rural and tribal areas. In addition to REGP and PMRY, government implements the following schemes for the benefit of women, inter alia in rural and tribal areas:-

(i) Trade Related Entrepreneurship Assistance and Development (TREAD)

(ii) Credit guarantee cover to the extent of 80 per cent of all loans to women operated/owned enterprises that are unable to provide collateral security.

In addition, this Ministry has recently announced new beneficial schemes, like:-

(1) Special assistance of up to 90 per cent grant by the Government of India for development of clusters of women entrepreneurs and establishment of exhibition centres under the Micro and Small Enterprises Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP).
(2) Conduct of exclusive training programmes (Skill Development / Entrepreneurial Development / Managerial Development, etc.) for women and other disadvantaged sections free of cost and with the provision of a stipend of Rs.500/- per month per trainee as announced in the Package for Promotion of Micro and Small Enterprises.
(3) Improvement in market access by women entrepreneurs through participation in 25 international exhibitions.
(c) As against the target of creation of 44 lakh employment opportunities by the small scale industries during the Xth plan period, approximately 60.23 lakh employment opportunities were created by the Micro and Small enterprises, out of which more than 8 lakh were women The details of the achievement under the REGP and PMRY during the last three years are enclosed at Annexures-I and II respectively. The progress under the benefits cited for TREAD and Credit Guarantee are enclosed at Annexures-III and IV respectively. The progress under the benefits cited at (1), (2) and (3) above would be available at the end of the financial year, since these new benefits are being implemented for the first time during the current year.